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WHAT A FEAST OF A MONTH AND A MONTH OF FEASTS!



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When you look into the New Zealand Anglican Church Lectionary, June turns out to be a Feast of a month—it is a month of Feast Days. We start the month with Pentecost, move rapidly onto the Feast Day of our Patron Saint, Saint Barnabas the Apostle (which we commemorate on Sunday 16th). Then it is into Trinity Sunday and then



Pentecost

Pentecost marks fifty days after Easter Day and brings the Easter season to an end and it is a feast of the Church's year when Christians recall how God's Holy Spirit was given to the disciples after Jesus' ascension, empower-

ing them to begin the work of making disciples of all nations.



Corpus Christi

Celebrates the Church's institution of the Eucharist as the Church's thanksgiving for its continuing communion with Christ and its worship. The Eucharist remains the principal liturgy of the Anglican Church.



St John the Baptist

Commemorates the announcer who bridge between the Old and New Testaments of the Bible., who proclaims the coming of Jesus Christ as Messiah, and exhorts people to "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord" and repent of their sins and be bap-

tised in the Jordan river to be cleansed of their sins.

Corpus Christi on Thursday 20th. We close out the month with the feast days of St. John the Baptist on Monday 24th and St. Peter and St. Paul on Saturday 29th! A veritable pantheon of key commemorations of the Christian Year to cheer and inspire as we start the first month of winter!

St Barnabas

Was an early member of the Christian community in Jerusalem, sold his land to give money to the Apostles. He introduced the converted Paul to the Apostles, and then sought him out to join him on evangelical journeys amongst Gentile communities



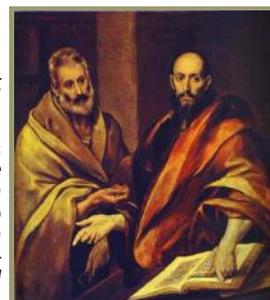
Trinity Sunday

Commemorates the mystery of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit as distinct but not divided from one another yet united in will and essence. Each person of the Trinity is interwoven with the other, and each has distinct roles in creation, salvation and redemption.



St Peter and St. Paul

Commemorates two of the most zealous, dynamic, and courageous leaders of Christ's Church; Peter the rock on which Jesus relied to build his Church and Paul the critical convert and champion.



SO MUCH TO GROW INTO! - LET'S START WITH TRINITY SUNDAY!

Father David Tannock,
St. Barnabas Interim Priest-in-Charge



For a child the world can be so fascinating. There is so much to explore and to learn, so much to experience and grow into. Jesus said that we have to become like little children to enter the Kingdom of God. Our faith is intended to be a constant process of exploration, of building on our experience to learn and to grow.

God's people of the first (old) Testament learned to relate to God in deeply personal ways. As with all personal relationships they needed a name for God and in the Hebrew scriptures we have quite a few, along with a whole range of images drawn from everyday life. Some of these images saw God as a majestic, kingly being, a mighty warrior, a workman, a mother, a father. Jesus used the image of fatherhood and taught us to call God Father.

But the people who knew Jesus saw in him more than simply a human being. His claim to have existed from all time, before Abraham and Moses, and the triumph of his resurrection, marked him as a true manifestation of God - 'one of us, yet from the heart of God', as one of our Eucharistic prayers puts it.

In all his words and work Jesus shows us the true heart of God. In

his life, death and resurrection he shows us a human life lived fully in tune with the love and will of God. The power of evil, so strong and destructive in human lives from the beginning of human society until the present, was not able to prevail against his life.

After his resurrection Jesus left the disciples with the power of the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen them and to lead them into all truth. We meet the Holy Spirit throughout scripture.

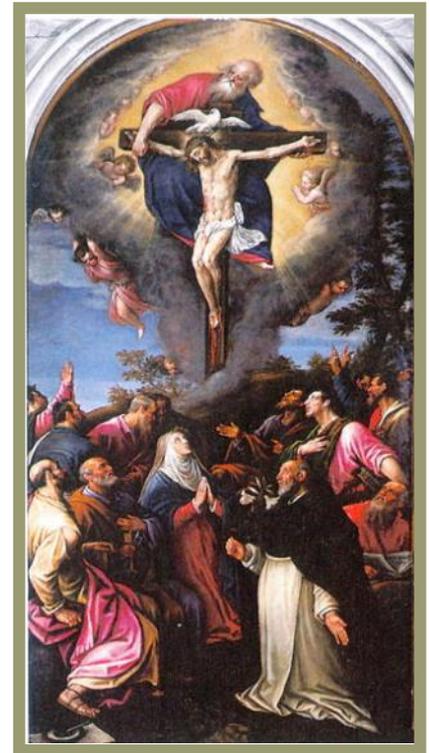
In the first account of creation God breathes the Spirit into the people of clay he has created to make them living human beings. Throughout the first testament we find the Spirit inspiring artists and prophets, upholding and sustaining creation.

After the resurrection the Spirit was poured out on the disciples on a number of occasions, especially on the Day of Pentecost when the confusion of the Tower of Babel in Genesis was reversed as people from many nations heard the Gospel in their own languages. Under the Spirit the Apostles led the spread and establishment of the Church as more and more were drawn into the risen life of Jesus.

So we worship and serve God the blessed Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. As finite creatures we can never comprehend the fullness and majesty of God. But we can relate to God in deeply personal ways as Father, as Son and as Holy Spirit.

We engage with God who is transcendent, far above and beyond us, the Creator of all, as Father. We relate to God who is immanent, who is with us, who walks beside us as Friend and Brother. And we know God the Holy Spirit, within us, leading us and inspiring us from within.

In these ways God is deeply personal, not just an abstract idea or a thought. So we speak of God as one God and three persons - three per-



The Trinity by Leandro Bassano, circ. 1590-1596 in the Santi Giovanni e Paolo, Venice. Trinity Chapel

sons with whom we can relate intimately and so become part of the life and purpose of Almighty God whom our minds, imaginations and hearts can never embrace in all his fullness.

For some the imagery around God as Father, as Son and as Holy Spirit can seem very masculine and perhaps not so easy for some to relate to in an intimate or even trusting way. Traditionally the Spirit has been seen as feminine. And there are biblical images of God as a mother, nursing and suckling her children.

Some like to use "un-gendered" terms, speaking of God as Creator, Sustainer and Giver of Life. The problem of using such language is that is impersonal, while God's nature is essentially deeply personal and relational. Fundamentally God is not a gendered being; it is we who have been created in that way to reflect the One in whose image we have been created.

PARISH RETREAT DAY— THE POTTER AND THE CLAY WITH JOY COWLEY—SATURDAY 08 JUNE 2019



Joy Cowley, one of New Zealand's most impactful and treasured novelists and children's books authors, will lead a Parish Day Retreat at St Barnabas on Saturday June 8. The title is "The Potter and the Clay". We will meet at 9.30am and conclude at 4pm. We will share a pot-luck lunch.

Joy is well known for her retreats and writings and we are fortunate to have her come to us for this parish occasion. She promises the retreat will be interactive as we discover ourselves and our sense of spirituality.

To register kindly contact Tom (tommitre10@gmail.com) OR Kate (katejchurchill@gmail.com).

****UPDATE***HELP NEEDED—JOIN IN ST B'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE NATIONAL ANGLO-CATHOLIC HUI 15-17 AUGUST 2019



The second Anglo-Catholic hui is being held primarily at St. Peter's on Willis Street **15th and 17th August**. The leading speaker will be the Rt. Rev. Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford, in the UK. He is a well known and inspiring church leader. Approximately one hundred attendees are expected.. The hui will provide an opportunity for interested Anglican parishioners, new clergy and those from other faith groups to meet together in the spirit of sharing and explore Anglo Catholicism in the current world.

St Barnabas Parish, Roseneath, is encouraged by Bishops Justin and Ellie to actively support the hui as the contemporary and liberal Anglo Catholic parish in the Wellington Diocese. Frs. David Tannock and John Mullis are on the organising committee as well as one of our Parish nominators, Jane Hill. The organisers especially need assistance from St Barnabas Parishioners in three areas.

a. At the three Masses to help with roles such as welcomers, servers, carrying the cross, thurifer, doing the readings and prayers) on Thursday 15 August at 6.30pm, Friday 16 August at 5pm (at the Home of Compassion, Island Bay) and Saturday 17 August at 11.30am. Our St Barnabas form of service will be used.

b. Choir members are asked to provide the core of a choir for the service on Thursday 15th August at 6.30pm at St Peters. Mark Dorrell will be playing the organ at all three masses and

c. Afternoon tea: we are asked to provide and serve afternoon tea on Friday 16 August at 3.30pm at the afternoon session at the Home of Compassion in Island Bay. The French choir Voix Femmes will be singing at the 5pm Mass

For those who want to attend the full Hui, there is a \$60 registration fee and Vestry has approved the payment of four registrations for interested Parishioners. . Or you can choose to attend for free one or all of the three Masses. If you are interested in using one or more of the four Parish-funded registrations, please contact any member of Vestry.

If you are able to help in any of the three areas, please email Jane Hill (janewghtn@gmail.com), or speak to her after Sunday Mass,

Faith in the Future is Funded by Today's Decisions

Cathy Downes

I have four hundred trees – that's just the sort of super quizzical opening line for a great novel isn't it – one that attracts publishers instantly and hopefully purchasers and readers. But yes, in the early 1990s, a financial adviser looked at a maturing investment from my superannuation scheme and said "I know where that should go – you should invest in trees!" Trees!? What!? But then I did a bit of research.

I could join a company made up of about 120 folks all investing about the same amount in a forest. The company would plant our trees, protect them from fire, insure them and spray them for bugs. Then as they grew, loggers would trim them to give them room to grow. Later, they would select the strongest, straightest trees and cull out the rest to give the remaining 400 per unit the best chance to grow tall and true.

And after 22-24 years, the company would cut down the trees, transport them to a port and the logs would be shipped overseas for house framing lumber. Each investor would get the proceeds of their 400 harvested trees.

I am putting most of mine into my retirement savings. But I am also putting aside a small amount to grow more trees. Yes, you are right those trees will not mature for another 22-24 years.

While I hope I am going to be around at that time, I might not. But this is not going to stop me planting those trees. Why? Because they are my legacy, my gift to future generations in terms of a maturing investment, but also in terms of being a small contribution to reducing CO2 emissions to address climate change.

My future 400 trees obviously will not make much of an impression on the global climate challenges. But my 400, and someone else's 400,



and someone else's 400. I think you get where I am going.

My trees have three things going for them – they will help me have more of a secure financial future. They will help the environment in which all of us live; and they will give the next generation of Downes' a financial leg-up in their time. Here I am thinking for example of little Zara Belle Downes who arrived into the world on 30 November 2017, and has made me Great again – Great Auntie that is!

So what do 400 trees have to do with faith in the future of St. Barnabas Roseneath? I am not advocating here that everyone should go out and join a tree-planting company. But I would like to recommend that you consider becoming a St. Barnabas Roseneath benefactor by recording a bequest to St.B's in your next update of your last will and testament. Over time, the more of us who do so, in 10, 15, 20, 30, 40 years, our legacy will serve to generate a regular income to help with the Parish's expenses and strengthen the capacity and confidence of St. B's to work in the mission field, and demonstrate a faith that sees an unending bright and holy future. Remember! – 400 Trees!



Volunteers Needed



Catering Helpers needed to Support the Refugee Family Support Volunteers

Anglican and Catholic churches in partnership with the Red Cross have been helping set up houses for former refugee family moving to NZ. This involves compiling all the household goods and then setting up the home. St. Barnabas parishioners have helped with the setup house task.

The partnership needs at least two volunteers to help with the catering for the volunteers who check and sort household goods. .

This happens every 2 months and catering is needed for Sunday afternoon, Monday and Tuesday for morning teas and lunches and afternoon tea. There are 10-12 people to cater for and expenses are reimbursed. The next intake started Sunday afternoon 16 June.

If you would like to help or would like more information, please contact Patricia Cooper Anglican Diocese Refugee Re Settlement Coordinator at Patricia@wn.ang.org.nz
Thank you.

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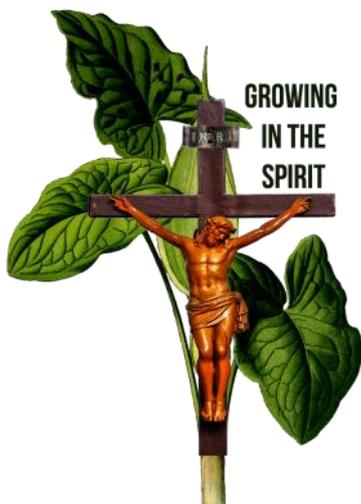
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REMEMBER THESE DATES

SERVICES

Sunday Masses 08:30AM and 10:00AM

SAINTS/FEAST DAYS

Sunday 09 June – Pentecost 08:30Am and 10:00AM

Sunday 16 June – St. Barnabas the Apostle— PATRONAL FESTIVAL
10:00AM Mass to be followed by Potluck Lunch
(Also Trinity Sunday)

Thursday 20 June—Feast of Corpus Christi

Monday 24 June—Feast of St. John the Baptist

Saturday 29 June—Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul

FEASTS DAY PRAYERS

Pentecost

Almighty God, who on this day didst open the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of thy Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one god for ever and ever. Amen

Corpus Christi

Gracious and merciful God, in a wonderful sacrament thou didst give us a memorial of the passion of thy Son Jesus Christ; grant that we who receive these sacred mysteries may grow up into him in all things until we come to thy eternal joy; through our Saviour Jesus Christ who is alive with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen

St, John the Baptist

Almighty God, by whose providence thy servant John Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of thy Son our Saviour, by preaching of repentance: Make us so to follow his doctrine and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and after his example constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

St. Peter and St. Paul

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified thee in their death as in their life: grant that thy Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and made one by thy Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

St. Barnabas

O Lord God Almighty, who didst endue thy holy Apostle Barnabas with singular gifts of the Holy Ghost: Leave us not, we beseech thee, destitute of thy manifold gifts, nor yet of grace to use them always to thy honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God,, thou hast given to us you servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Drawn from the New Zealand Prayer Book, and Church of England Book of Divine Worship (and the Book of Common Prayer)